(c) whether Government are losing a lot of revenue on account of wasted of water; and

(d) if so, the details thereof during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) (a) and (b) The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has reported that it is not correct that 40 percent of drinking water in NCT of Delhi is wasted every year. As a matter of fact the figure includes free water supply, tanker water supply to weaker sections, lines losses and theft.

To improve the position, the DJB has taken remedial measures like replacement of about 1100 Kms. of old corroded water lines to minimize losses to leakages, setting up of a separate Leak Detection Investigation Cell for plugging leakages. DJB maintains a fleet of about 1000 water tankers for free supply of water to deficient areas which constitute substantial percentage of total non-revenue water.

(c) and (d) Some wastage of water to distribution system and lines losses are inherent in the systems involving vast water pipeline networks. However, no bench marking has been done in the country to establish the quantum of losses on this account. As per the policy of Delhi Jal Board and the Government of NCT of Delhi water supply to weaker sections and deficient areas through tankers/public hydrants is made free of cost and cannot be termed as financial losses.

Delhi High Court on encroachment

2156. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi High court has directed DDA and other civic bodies to remove encroachers from various parts of Delhi; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken to remove encroachers from Government land near main market of Malviya Nagar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) DDA has reported that no general direction has been received from the Hon'ble Delhi High Court to remove encroachers from Delhi.

(b) DDA has reported that land measuring 1.75 acres (behind shopping centre) near the main market of Malviya Nagar, was transferred to it 'no as is where is basis' under a package deal from the Ministry of Rehabilitation. The encroachment on the land exists prior to its transfer to DDA. Action for removal of such encroachments is taken by DDA as per Rules and Act.

ICRA study on basic infrastructure

2157. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken notice of the study undertaken by ICRA on developing basis urban infrastructure by 2020;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Government's reaction thereto;

(d) whether Government have formulated any strategy to invite private participation in developing basic urban facilities;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the alternative financial sources to be provided for development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) The Government is not aware of any study undertaken by Investment Credit and Rating Agency (ICRA) on developing basic urban infrastructure by 2020.

(d) to (f) Central Government has formulated guidelines for sector reforms and successful public-private partnerships in urban water and sanitation services in consultation with State Governments. The guidelines, *inter-alia,* include policy framework, implemntation arrangements, creating enabling conditions for sustained reform and private sector participation (PSP) selecting nature of PSP transactions and managing public-private partnerships.

As urban development is State subject, it is for State Governments and Urban Local Bodies to adopt guidelines as per their requirements.